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MEMORANDUM FOR: Inspector General

SUBJECT : Transmittal of Files from the  
Office of Lt. Gen. R. E. Cushman, Jr., USMC,  
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, 1969-1971

1. Transmitted herewith are four folders containing documents from the Office of Lt. Gen. Robert E. Cushman, Jr., Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, from 1969 through 1971. These folders were located in the CIA Records Center.
2. Included in this material are documents which I believed and testified were thrown out following General Cushman's departure from the Agency at the end of 1971. The character of the material is as I have previously reported in testimony. There is no material relating to "Watergate." There are eleven transcripts of conversations recorded in General Cushman's office in 1970 and 1971.
3. A copy of the transcript of a meeting between General Cushman and Congressmen McCloskey and Waldie has been given to the Legislative Counsel's office.
4. It should be emphasized that some of the information in these four folders involves sensitive sources, projects, and contractual relations which must continue to be protected.
5. The contents of the four folders are described in the attached Memorandum for the Record and in summary sheets in the individual folders.

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Executive Assistant to the  
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

Attachments a/s

Information copies:

- General Counsel
- Legislative Counsel
- Asst. to the Director (E. H. Knoche)
- Executive Secretariat
- Executive Registry

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Status of Files from the Office of Lt. Gen. Robert E. Cushman, Jr.  
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, 1969 - 1971

1. This memorandum is submitted as a supplement to my earlier statements on the status of documents from the files of Lt. Gen. Robert E. Cushman, Jr., USMC, who held the position of Deputy Director of Central Intelligence from May 1969 to 31 December 1971.
2. In early May 1975, in the course of responding to the investigations of the Agency by the Rockefeller Commission and the two Congressional Committees, the Executive Registry located in the CIA Records Center four folders containing documents from Lt. Gen. Robert E. Cushman's office. Included in this material are documents which I previously believed and testified had been thrown out when General Cushman left CIA at the end of 1971, because they were of no further interest.
3. Examination of the documents confirms that there is no material relating to "Watergate." Included are eleven transcripts of conversations recorded in General Cushman's office in 1970 and 1971. There is also a transcript of one telephone conversation. The character of the transcripts, and of the memoranda and correspondence, is as I previously reported in testimony. Most of the transcripts involve conversations with former military associates or others who wanted to do business with CIA or who wanted to report their views on foreign affairs. One transcript records a meeting with a prominent foreign industrialist. Another transcript covers conversations with Congressmen McCloskey and Waldie concerning Agency activities in Vietnam. A complete list of the transcripts is attached.
4. Notations in the folders permit reconstruction of their status following General Cushman's departure from the Agency in December 1971. At that time General Cushman's secretary asked me to review certain material from General Cushman's files to determine whether it should be retained in the DDCI's office or retired. Records in the Executive Registry (ER) indicate that two of the four above-mentioned folders, whose contents I thought had been thrown out because they were of no further interest, were held in ER and then retired to the CIA Records Center on 3 January 1973.

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5. A third folder, "Memoranda for the Record - 1971" was retained in my safe because some of the transcripts dealt with matters that might be heard from later. One such matter involved a retired Marine officer who, from time to time, tried to interest the Intelligence Community in procurement of Communist bloc weapons. The other transcript of potential interest was the record of General Cushman's conversation with Mr. Howard Hunt on 22 July 1971 requesting assistance for a sensitive White House project. We subsequently became suspicious of Mr. Hunt's activities and ended our assistance. This affair, consequently, involved a potential confrontation with the White House and I thought it best to keep the file where it could be conveniently retrieved. This folder was buried in the bottom drawer of my safe and forgotten. The list of contents in this folder contains my notation regarding item 6, the transcript of General Cushman's conversation with Howard Hunt on 22 July 1971: "Removed and turned over to EA/DCI (Executive Assistant to the Director of Central Intelligence) on 23 May 1973. [redacted] I discovered this folder at that time when the Legislative Counsel's Office requested that we locate the original transcript of the Cushman-Hunt conversation. The folder minus the Cushman-Hunt transcript was subsequently placed in the custody of ER, according to ER records, until it was retired to Records Center in September 1974.

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6. The fourth folder contains loose groups of documents from General Cushman's files which I retained in my safe at the time of his departure because they involved matters on which there might be follow-up action. This material was sent to ER for forwarding to Records Center on 23 May 1973, according to my secretary's note.

7. Some of the information in these four folders involves sensitive sources, projects, and contractual relations. This sensitive information should be protected.

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Attachment: List of Transcripts  
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TS-198187/4 Indications Center (NIC). Letter of transmittal from Richard Helms, w/comments

25X1 18 Aug 69 Memo for: [ ] AD/DCI/NIPE; Subject: (Same as above).  
SECRET Seeking recommendations as to need for a follow-up study for areas which  
ER69-4122 require further consideration.

18 Aug 69 Memo for: DDCI; Subject: (Same as above). Asking to review study and forward  
SECRET reactions to report.  
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25 Aug 73 Memo for: The Director; Subject: IDA Report on NIC; from: R. E. Cushman.  
ER69-4123/1 Details opinions on attached report.

28 Aug 69 Note from R. E. Cushman to [ ] NIPE transmitting copy of 25X1  
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SMITH PAPERS (Del Smith of Radiation Systems, Inc.)

21 May 69 Memo for: DDCI; Subject: Inquiry from Mr. Del Smith about his firm's  
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(Memo by [ ] EA/DDCI)

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